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THE GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY FUND INC  
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COLUMBUS, OH 43215-4331

Employer Identification Number:  
45-2042274  
DLN:  
17053343363001  
Contact Person:  
JACOB A MCDONALD ID# 31649  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
May 18, 2011  
Contribution Deductibility:  
No  
Addendum Applies:  
No

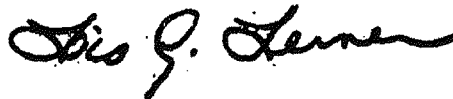
Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax-exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-NC, Compliance Guide for Tax-Exempt Organizations (Other than 501(c)(3) Public Charities and Private Foundations), for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Contributions to you are not deductible by donors under section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner  
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-NC

Letter 948 (DO/CG)



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Form **1024**  
(Rev. September 1998)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a)

OMB No. 1545-0057

If exempt status is approved,  
this application will be open  
for public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully. **A User Fee must be attached to this application.**  
If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to the organization.

**Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 6 of the instructions.**

**Part I. Identification of Applicant** (Must be completed by all applicants; also complete appropriate schedule.)  
Submit only the schedule that applies to your organization. Do not submit blank schedules.

Check the appropriate box below to indicate the section under which the organization is applying:

- a ☐ Section 501(c)(2)—Title holding corporations (Schedule A, page 7)
- b ☒ Section 501(c)(4)—Civic leagues, social welfare organizations (including certain war veterans' organizations), or local associations of employees (Schedule B, page 8)
- c ☐ Section 501(c)(5)—Labor, agricultural, or horticultural organizations (Schedule C, page 9)
- d ☐ Section 501(c)(6)—Business leagues, chambers of commerce, etc. (Schedule C, page 9)
- e ☐ Section 501(c)(7)—Social clubs (Schedule D, page 11)
- f ☐ Section 501(c)(8)—Fraternal beneficiary societies, etc., providing life, sick, accident, or other benefits to members (Schedule E, page 13)
- g ☐ Section 501(c)(9)—Voluntary employees' beneficiary associations (Parts I through IV and Schedule F, page 14)
- h ☐ Section 501(c)(10)—Domestic fraternal societies, orders, etc., not providing life, sick, accident, or other benefits (Schedule E, page 13)
- i ☐ Section 501(c)(12)—Benevolent life insurance associations, mutual ditch or irrigation companies, mutual or cooperative telephone companies, or like organizations (Schedule G, page 15)
- j ☐ Section 501(c)(13)—Cemeteries, crematoria, and like corporations (Schedule H, page 16)
- k ☐ Section 501(c)(15)—Mutual insurance companies or associations, other than life or marine (Schedule I, page 17)
- l ☐ Section 501(c)(17)—Trusts providing for the payment of supplemental unemployment compensation benefits (Parts I through IV and Schedule J, page 18)
- m ☐ Section 501(c)(19)—A post, organization, auxiliary unit, etc., of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States (Schedule K, page 19)
- n ☐ Section 501(c)(25)—Title holding corporations or trusts (Schedule A, page 7)

1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) <b>The Government Integrity Fund, Inc. f/k/a/ The Integrity Fund, Inc.</b>		2 Employer identification number (EIN) (if none, see <b>Specific Instructions</b> on page 2) <b>45 : 2042274</b>
1b c/o Name (if applicable) <b>Thomas Norris</b>		3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed  <b>William M. Todd, Esq.</b>  <b>( 614 ) 545-6311</b>
1c Address (number and street) <b>137 East State Street</b>	Room/Suite	
1d City, town or post office, state, and ZIP + 4 If you have a foreign address, see <b>Specific Instructions</b> for Part I, page 2. <b>Columbus, Ohio 43215-4331</b>		
1e Web site address <b>governmentintegrityfund.com</b>	4 Month the annual accounting period ends <b>December</b>	5 Date incorporated or formed <b>May 10, 2011</b>
6 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," attach an explanation.		
7 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.		

- 8 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING.
- a ☒ Corporation— Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also attach a copy of the bylaws.
  - b ☐ Trust— Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.
  - c ☐ Association— Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence that the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person. Also include a copy of the bylaws.

If this is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here ☐

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization, and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

PLEASE  
SIGN  
HERE

*Thomas D. Norris*  
(Signature)

Thomas Norris

(Type name and title or authority)

12/5/2011  
(Date)

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 5 of the instructions.

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**Part II. Activities and Operational Information (Must be completed by all applicants)**

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- 1 Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization—past, present, and planned. Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document. List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: **(a)** a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; **(b)** when the activity was or will be initiated; and **(c)** where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

**See Exhibit A, attached hereto.**

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- 2 List the organization's present and future sources of financial support, beginning with the largest source first.  
**Voluntary contributions from individuals, corporations and other non-profit organizations.**
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**Part II. Activities and Operational Information (continued)****3** Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

<b>a</b> Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	<b>b</b> Annual compensation
<b>Jeffrey L. Dean, 6408 River Rd., Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Thomas D. Norris, 6712 Ridpath Rd., Grove City, Ohio 43123</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Robert Bennett, 623 Hibbs Rd., Lockbourne, Ohio 43137</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>James L. Geddes, 6738 Harrisburg London Rd., Orient, Ohio 43146</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**4** If the organization is the outgrowth or continuation of any form of predecessor, state the name of each predecessor, the period during which it was in existence, and the reasons for its termination. Submit copies of all papers by which any transfer of assets was effected.**N/A****5** If the applicant organization is now, or plans to be, connected in any way with any other organization, describe the other organization and explain the relationship (e.g., financial support on a continuing basis; shared facilities or employees; same officers, directors, or trustees).**N/A****6** If the organization has capital stock issued and outstanding, state: **(1)** class or classes of the stock; **(2)** number and par value of the shares; **(3)** consideration for which they were issued; and **(4)** if any dividends have been paid or whether your organization's creating instrument authorizes dividend payments on any class of capital stock.**N/A****7** State the qualifications necessary for membership in the organization; the classes of membership (with the number of members in each class); and the voting rights and privileges received. If any group or class of persons is required to join, describe the requirement and explain the relationship between those members and members who join voluntarily. Submit copies of any membership solicitation material. Attach sample copies of all types of membership certificates issued.**N/A****8** Explain how your organization's assets will be distributed on dissolution.

**Upon dissolution, the residual assets will be distributed to an organization or organizations that are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and, are engaged in activities similar or identical to the purposes of this organization.**

**Part II. Activities and Operational Information (continued)**

- 9 Has the organization made or does it plan to make any distribution of its property or surplus funds to shareholders or members? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," state the full details, including: (1) amounts or value; (2) source of funds or property distributed or to be distributed; and (3) basis of, and authority for, distribution or planned distribution.
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- 10 Does, or will, any part of your organization's receipts represent payments for services performed or to be performed? . ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," state in detail the amount received and the character of the services performed or to be performed.
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- 11 Has the organization made, or does it plan to make, any payments to members or shareholders for services performed or to be performed? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," state in detail the amount paid, the character of the services, and to whom the payments have been, or will be, made.
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- 12 Does the organization have any arrangement to provide insurance for members, their dependents, or others (including provisions for the payment of sick or death benefits, pensions, or annuities)? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," describe and explain the arrangement's eligibility rules and attach a sample copy of each plan document and each type of policy issued.
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- 13 Is the organization under the supervisory jurisdiction of any public regulatory body, such as a social welfare agency, etc.? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," submit copies of all administrative opinions or court decisions regarding this supervision, as well as copies of applications or requests for the opinions or decisions.
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- 14 Does the organization now lease or does it plan to lease any property? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," explain in detail. Include the amount of rent, a description of the property, and any relationship between the applicant organization and the other party. Also, attach a copy of any rental or lease agreement. (If the organization is a party, as a lessor, to multiple leases of rental real property under similar lease agreements, please attach a single representative copy of the leases.)
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- 15 Has the organization spent or does it plan to spend any money attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any person to any Federal, state, or local public office or to an office in a political organization? . . ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," explain in detail and list the amounts spent or to be spent in each case.
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- 16 Does the organization publish pamphlets, brochures, newsletters, journals, or similar printed material? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," attach a recent copy of each.
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**Part III. Financial Data** (Must be completed by all applicants)

Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence. If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.

**A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

Revenue	(a) Current Tax Year	3 Prior Tax Years or Proposed Budget for Next 2 Years			(e) Total
	From January To November	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) .....	
1 Gross dues and assessments of members . . . . .					0
2 Gross contributions, gifts, etc. . . . .	80,000	6,745,000	125,000		6,950,000
3 Gross amounts derived from activities related to the organization's exempt purpose (attach schedule) (Include related cost of sales on line 9.)	0	0	0		0
4 Gross amounts from unrelated business activities (attach schedule)	0	0	0		0
5 Gain from sale of assets, excluding inventory items (attach schedule) . . . . .	0	0	0		0
6 Investment income (see page 3 of the instructions)	0	3000	150		3150
7 Other revenue (attach schedule). . . . .	0	0	0		0
8 Total revenue (add lines 1 through 7) . . . . .	80,000	6,748,000	125,150		6,950,000
<b>Expenses</b>					
9 Expenses attributable to activities related to the organization's exempt purposes. . . . .	78,361.75	6,720,000	50,000		6,848,361.75
10 Expenses attributable to unrelated business activities	0	0	0		0
11 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule). . . . .	0	0	0		0
12 Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach schedule)	0	0	0		0
13 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)	0	0	0		0
14 Other salaries and wages. . . . .	0	0	0		0
15 Interest . . . . .	0	0	0		0
16 Occupancy . . . . .	0	0	0		0
17 Depreciation and depletion . . . . .	0	0	0		0
18 Other expenses (attach schedule) . . . . .	0	0	0		0
19 Total expenses (add lines 9 through 18) . . . . .	78,361.75	6,720,000	50,000		6,848,361.75
20 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 8 minus line 19) . . . . .	1638.25	28,000	75,150		101,638.25

**B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)**

Assets		Current Tax Year as of November	
		1	2
1 Cash . . . . .		1638.25	
2 Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		0	
3 Inventories . . . . .		0	
4 Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .		0	
5 Corporate stocks (attach schedule) . . . . .		0	
6 Mortgage loans (attach schedule) . . . . .		0	
7 Other investments (attach schedule) . . . . .		0	
8 Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule) . . . . .		0	
9 Land . . . . .		0	
10 Other assets (attach schedule) . . . . .		0	
11 <b>Total assets</b> . . . . .		1638.25	
Liabilities			
12 Accounts payable . . . . .		0	
13 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable . . . . .		0	
14 Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .		0	
15 Other liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .		0	
16 <b>Total liabilities.</b> . . . . .		0	
Fund Balances or Net Assets			
17 Total fund balances or net assets . . . . .		1638.25	
18 <b>Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets</b> (add line 16 and line 17) . . . . .		1638.25	

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation. ☐

**Part IV. Notice Requirements (Sections 501(c)(9) and 501(c)(17) Organizations Only)**

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**1** Section 501(c)(9) and 501(c)(17) organizations:

Are you filing Form 1024 within 15 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed as required by section 505(c)? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," skip the rest of this Part.

If "No," answer question 2.

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**2** If you answer "No" to question 1, are you filing Form 1024 within 27 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," your organization qualifies under Regulation section 301.9100-2 for an automatic 12-month extension of the 15-month filing requirement. Do not answer questions 3 and 4.

If "No," answer question 3.

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**3** If you answer "No" to question 2, does the organization wish to request an extension of time to apply under the "reasonable action and good faith" and the "no prejudice to the interest of the government" requirements of Regulations section 301.9100-3? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," give the reasons for not filing this application within the 27-month period described in question 2. See Specific Instructions, Part IV, Line 3, page 4, before completing this item. Do not answer question 4.

If "No," answer question 4.

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**4** If you answer "No" to question 3, your organization's qualification as a section 501(c)(9) or 501(c)(17) organization can be recognized only from the date this application is filed. Therefore, does the organization want us to consider its application as a request for recognition of exemption as a section 501(c)(9) or 501(c)(17) organization from the date the application is received and not retroactively to the date the organization was created or formed? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

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**Schedule A Organizations described in section 501(c)(2) or 501(c)(25) (Title holding corporations or trusts)**

- 1** State the complete name, address, and EIN of each organization for which title to property is held and the number and type of the applicant organization's stock held by each organization.
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- 2** If the annual excess of revenue over expenses has not been or will not be turned over to the organization for which title to property is held, state the purpose for which the excess is or will be retained by the title holding organization.
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- 3** In the case of a corporation described in section 501(c)(2), state the purpose of the organization for which title to property is held (as shown in its governing instrument) and the Code sections under which it is classified as exempt from tax. If the organization has received a determination or ruling letter recognizing it as exempt from taxation, please attach a copy of the letter.
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- 4** In the case of a corporation or trust described in section 501(c)(25), state the basis whereby each shareholder is described in section 501(c)(25)(C). For each organization described that has received a determination or ruling letter recognizing that organization as exempt from taxation, please attach a copy of the letter.
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- 5** With respect to the activities of the organization.
- a** Is any rent received attributable to personal property leased with real property? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," what percentage of the total rent, as reported on the financial statements in Part III, is attributable to personal property?
- b** Will the organization receive income which is incidentally derived from the holding of real property, such as income from operation of a parking lot or from vending machines? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," what percentage of the organization's gross income, as reported on the financial statements in Part III, is incidentally derived from the holding of real property?
- c** Will the organization receive income other than rent from real property or personal property leased with real property or income which is incidentally derived from the holding of real property? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," describe the source of the income.

**Instructions**

**Line 1.**—Provide the requested information on each organization for which the applicant organization holds title to property. Also indicate the number and types of shares of the applicant organization's stock that are held by each.

**Line 2.**—For purposes of this question, "excess of revenue over expenses" is all of the organization's income for a particular tax year less operating expenses.

**Line 3.**—Give the exempt purpose of each organization that is the basis for its exempt status and the Internal Revenue Code section

that describes the organization (as shown in its IRS determination letter).

**Line 4.**—Indicate if the shareholder is one of the following:

1. A qualified pension, profit-sharing, or stock bonus plan that meets the requirements of the Code;
2. A government plan;
3. An organization described in section 501(c)(3); or
4. An organization described in section 501(c)(25).

**Schedule B Organizations Described in Section 501(c)(4) (Civic leagues, social welfare organizations (including posts, councils, etc., of veterans' organizations not qualifying or applying for exemption under section 501(c)(19)) or local associations of employees.)**

- 1** Has the Internal Revenue Service previously issued a ruling or determination letter recognizing the applicant organization (or any predecessor organization listed in question 4, Part II of the application) to be exempt under section 501(c)(3) and later revoked that recognition of exemption on the basis that the applicant organization (or its predecessor) was carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or on the basis that it engaged in political activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," indicate the earliest tax year for which recognition of exemption under section 501(c)(3) was revoked and the IRS district office that issued the revocation.

- 2** Does the organization perform or plan to perform (for members, shareholders, or others) services, such as maintaining the common areas of a condominium; buying food or other items on a cooperative basis; or providing recreational facilities or transportation services, job placement, or other similar undertakings? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," explain the activities in detail, including income realized and expenses incurred. Also, explain in detail the nature of the benefits to the general public from these activities. (If the answer to this question is explained in Part II of the application (pages 2, 3, and 4), enter the page and item number here.)

- 3** If the organization is claiming exemption as a homeowners' association, is access to any property or facilities it owns or maintains restricted in any way? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," explain.

- 4** If the organization is claiming exemption as a local association of employees, state the name and address of each employer whose employees are eligible for membership in the association. If employees of more than one plant or office of the same employer are eligible for membership, give the address of each plant or office.

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**Schedule C** **Organizations described in section 501(c)(5) (Labor, agricultural, including fishermen's organizations, or horticultural organizations) or section 501(c)(6) (business leagues, chambers of commerce, etc.)**

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- 1** Describe any services the organization performs for members or others. (If the description of the services is contained in Part II of the application, enter the page and item number here.)

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- 2** Fishermen's organizations only.—What kinds of aquatic resources (not including mineral) are cultivated or harvested by those eligible for membership in the organization?

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- 3** Labor organizations only.—Is the organization organized under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement? . . . ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If "Yes," attach a copy of the latest agreement.

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**Schedule D Organizations described in section 501(c)(7) (Social clubs)**

- 1** Has the organization entered or does it plan to enter into any contract or agreement for the management or operation of its property and/or activities, such as restaurants, pro shops, lodges, etc.? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach a copy of the contract or agreement. If one has not yet been drawn up, please explain the organization's plans.

- 2** Does the organization seek or plan to seek public patronage of its facilities or activities by advertisement or otherwise? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach sample copies of the advertisements or other requests.

If the organization plans to seek public patronage, please explain the plans.

- 3a** Are nonmembers, other than guests of members, permitted or will they be permitted to use the club facilities or participate in or attend any functions or activities conducted by the organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," describe the functions or activities in which there has been or will be nonmember participation or admittance. (Submit a copy of the house rules, if any.)

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|---|---------|
| <b>b</b> State the amount of nonmember income included in Part III of the application, lines 3 and 4, column (a) . . . . .        | _____   |
| <b>c</b> Enter the percent of gross receipts from nonmembers for the use of club facilities . . . . .                             | _____ % |
| <b>d</b> Enter the percent of gross receipts received from investment income and nonmember use of the club's facilities . . . . . | _____ % |

- 4a** Does the organization's charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or any written policy statement of the organization contain any provision that provides for discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, or religion? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- b** If "Yes," state whether or not its provision will be kept.

- c** If the organization has such a provision that will be repealed, deleted, or otherwise stricken from its requirements, state when this will be done. \_\_\_\_\_
- d** If the organization formerly had such a requirement and it no longer applies, give the date it ceased to apply. \_\_\_\_\_
- e** If the organization restricts its membership to members of a particular religion, check here and attach the explanation specified in the instructions ☐

See reverse side for instructions

**Schedule E Organizations described in section 501(c)(8) or 501(c)(10) (Fraternal societies, orders, or associations)**

- 1** Is the organization a college fraternity or sorority, or chapter of a college fraternity or sorority? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," read the instructions for Line 1, below, before completing this schedule.
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- 2** Does or will your organization operate under the lodge system? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "No," does or will it operate for the exclusive benefit of the members of an organization operating under the lodge system? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No
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- 3** Is the organization a subordinate or local lodge, etc.? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," attach a certificate signed by the secretary of the parent organization, under the seal of the organization, certifying that the subordinate lodge is a duly constituted body operating under the jurisdiction of the parent body.
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- 4** Is the organization a parent or grand lodge? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," attach a schedule for each subordinate lodge in active operation showing: (a) its name and address; (b) the number of members in it; and (c) how often it holds periodic meetings.
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**Instructions**

**Line 1.**—To the extent that they qualify for exemption from Federal income tax, college fraternities and sororities generally qualify as organizations described in section 501(c)(7). Therefore, if the organization is a college fraternity or sorority, refer to the discussion of section 501(c)(7) organizations in Pub. 557. If section 501(c)(7) appears to apply to your organization, complete Schedule D instead of this schedule.

**Line 2.**—Operating under the lodge system means carrying on activities under a form of organization that is composed of local branches, chartered by a parent organization, largely self-governing, and called lodges, chapters, or the like.

**Schedule F Organizations described in section 501(c)(9) (Voluntary employees' beneficiary associations)**

- 1** Describe the benefits available to members. Include copies of any plan documents that describe such benefits and the terms and conditions of eligibility for each benefit.

- 2** Are any employees or classes of employees entitled to benefits to which other employees or classes of employees are not entitled? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," explain.

- 3** Give the following information for each plan as of the last day of the most recent plan year and enter that date here. If there is more than one plan, attach a separate schedule . . . . . / /  
(mo.) (day) (yr.)
- a** Total number of persons covered by the plan who are highly compensated individuals (See instructions below.) . . . . .
- b** Number of other employees covered by the plan . . . . .
- c** Number of employees not covered by the plan . . . . .
- d** Total number employed\* . . . . .

\* Should equal the total of **a**, **b**, and **c**—if not, explain any difference. Describe the eligibility requirements that prevent those employees not covered by the plan from participating.

- 4** State the number of persons, if any, other than employees and their dependents (e.g., the proprietor of a business whose employees are members of the association) who are entitled to receive benefits . . . . . ►

**Instructions**

**Line 3a.**—A "highly compensated individual" is one who:

(a) Owned 5% or more of the employer at any time during the current year or the preceding year.

(b) Received more than \$80,000 (adjusted for inflation) in compensation from the employer for the preceding year, and

(c) Was among the top 20% of employees by compensation for the preceding year. However, the employer can choose not to have (c) apply.

**Schedule G Organizations described in section 501(c)(12) (Benevolent life insurance associations, mutual ditch or irrigation companies, mutual or cooperative telephone companies, or like organizations)**

**1** Attach a schedule in columnar form for each tax year for which the organization is claiming exempt status. On each schedule:

- a** Show the total gross income received from members or shareholders.
- b** List, by source, the total amounts of gross income received from other sources.

**2** If the organization is claiming exemption as a local benevolent insurance association, state:

- a** The counties from which members are accepted or will be accepted.

- b** Whether stipulated premiums are or will be charged in advance, or whether losses are or will be paid solely through assessments.

**3** If the organization is claiming exemption as a "like organization," explain how it is similar to a mutual ditch or irrigation company, or a mutual or cooperative telephone company.

- 4** Are the rights and interests of members in the organization's annual savings determined in proportion to their business with it? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "Yes," does the organization keep the records necessary to determine at any time each member's rights and interests in such savings, including assets acquired with the savings? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

**5** If the organization is a mutual or cooperative telephone company and has contracts with other systems for long-distance telephone services, attach copies of the contracts.

## Instructions

Mutual or cooperative electric or telephone companies should show income received from qualified pole rentals separately. Mutual or cooperative telephone companies should also show separately the gross amount of income received from nonmember telephone companies for performing services that

involve their members and the gross amount of income received from the sale of display advertising in a directory furnished to their members.

Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from those sources.

**Schedule H Organizations described in section 501(c)(13) (Cemeteries, crematoria, and like corporations)****1** Attach the following documents:

- a** Complete copy of sales contracts or other documents, including any "debt" certificates, involved in acquiring cemetery or crematorium property.
- b** Complete copy of any contract your organization has that designates an agent to sell its cemetery lots.
- c** A copy of the appraisal (obtained from a disinterested and qualified party) of the cemetery property as of the date acquired.

- 2** Does your organization have, or does it plan to have, a perpetual care fund? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," attach a copy of the fund agreement and explain the nature of the fund (cash, securities, unsold land, etc.)

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- 3** If your organization is claiming exemption as a perpetual care fund for an organization described in section 501(c)(13), has the cemetery organization, for which funds are held, established exemption under that section? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "No," explain.
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**Schedule I Organizations described in section 501(c)(15) (Small insurance companies or associations)**

- 1** Is the organization a member of a controlled group of corporations as defined in section 831(b)(2)(B)(ii)? (Disregard section 1563(b)(2)(B) in determining whether the organization is a member of a controlled group.) . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," include on lines 2 through 5 the total amount received by the organization and all other members of the controlled group.

If "No," include on lines 2 through 5 only the amounts that relate to the applicant organization.

	(a) Current Year	3 Prior Tax Years		
	From _____ To _____	(b) _____	(c) _____	(d) _____
<b>2</b> Direct written premiums . . . . .				
<b>3</b> Reinsurance assumed . . . . .				
<b>4</b> Reinsurance ceded . . . . .				
<b>5</b> Net written premiums ((line 2 plus line 3) minus line 4) . . . . .				

**6** If you entered an amount on line 3 or line 4, attach a copy of the reinsurance agreements the organization has entered into.

## Instructions

**Line 1.**—Answer "Yes," if the organization would be considered a member of a controlled group of corporations if it were not exempt from tax under section 501(a). In applying section 1563(a), use a "more than 50%" stock ownership test to determine whether the applicant or any other corporation is a member of a controlled group.

**Line 2.**— In addition to other direct written premiums, include on line 2 the full amount of any prepaid or advance premium in the year the prepayment is received. For example, if a \$5,000 premium for a 3-year policy was received in the current year, include the full \$5,000 amount in the Current Year column.

**Schedule J Organizations described in section 501(c)(17) (Trusts providing for the payment of supplemental unemployment compensation benefits)**

**1** If benefits are provided for individual proprietors, partners, or self-employed persons under the plan, explain in detail.

**2** If the plan provides other benefits in addition to the supplemental unemployment compensation benefits, explain in detail and state whether the other benefits are subordinate to the unemployment benefits.

**3** Give the following information as of the last day of the most recent plan year and enter that date here . . . . .

- a** Total number of employees covered by the plan who are shareholders, officers, self-employed persons, or highly compensated (See Schedule F instructions for line 3a on page 14.) . . . . .
- b** Number of other employees covered by the plan . . . . .
- c** Number of employees not covered by the plan . . . . .
- d** Total number employed\*. . . . .

\* Should equal the total of a, b, and c—if not, explain the difference. Describe the eligibility requirements that prevent those employees not covered by the plan from participating.

**4** At any time after December 31, 1959, did any of the following persons engage in any of the transactions listed below with the trust: the creator of the trust or a contributor to the trust; a brother or sister (whole or half blood), a spouse, an ancestor, or a lineal descendant of such a creator or contributor; or a corporation controlled directly or indirectly by such a creator or contributor?

**Note:** If you know that the organization will be, or is considering being, a party to any of the transactions (or activities) listed below, check the "Planned" box. Give a detailed explanation of any "Yes" or "Planned" answer in the space below.

- |  |                              |                             |                                  |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>a</b> Borrow any part of the trust's income or corpus? . . . . .                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |
| <b>b</b> Receive any compensation for personal services? . . . . .                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |
| <b>c</b> Obtain any part of the trust's services? . . . . .                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |
| <b>d</b> Purchase any securities or other properties from the trust? . . . . .           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |
| <b>e</b> Sell any securities or other property to the trust? . . . . .                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |
| <b>f</b> Receive any of the trust's income or corpus in any other transaction? . . . . . | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned |

**5** Attach a copy of the Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan and related agreements.

**Schedule K** **Organizations described in section 501(c)(19)—A post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States, auxiliary units or societies for such a post or organization, and trusts or foundations formed for the benefit of such posts or organizations.**

**1** *To be completed by a post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States.*

- a** Total membership of the post or organization. . . . .
- b** Number of members who are present or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces . . . . .
- c** Number of members who are cadets (include students in college or university ROTC programs or at armed services academies only), or spouses, widows, or widowers of cadets or past or present members of the U.S. Armed Forces . . . . .
- d** Does the organization have a membership category other than the ones set out above? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," please explain in full. Enter number of members in this category . . . . .

- e** If you wish to apply for a determination that contributions to your organization are deductible by donors, enter the number of members from line 1b who are war veterans, as defined below. . . . .

A war veteran is a person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the following periods of war: April 21, 1898, through July 4, 1902; April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946; June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955; and August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975.

**2** *To be completed by an auxiliary unit or society of a post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States.*

- a** Is the organization affiliated with and organized according to the bylaws and regulations formulated by such an exempt post or organization? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "Yes," submit a copy of such bylaws or regulations.
- b** How many members does your organization have? . . . . .
- c** How many are themselves past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States, or are their spouses, or persons related to them within two degrees of blood relationship? (Grandparents, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren are the most distant relationships allowable.) . . . . .
- d** Are all of the members themselves members of a post or organization, past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States, spouses of members of such a post or organization, or related to members of such a post or organization within two degrees of blood relationship? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

**3** *To be completed by a trust or foundation organized for the benefit of an exempt post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States.*

- a** Will the corpus or income be used solely for the funding of such an exempt organization (including necessary related expenses)? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "No," please explain.

- b** If the trust or foundation is formed for charitable purposes, does the organizational document contain a proper dissolution provision as described in section 1.501(c)(3)-1(b)(4) of the Income Tax Regulations? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No





**User Fee for Exempt Organization  
Determination Letter Request**  
▶ Attach this form to determination letter application.  
(Form 8718 is NOT a determination letter application.)

For IRS Use Only	OMB No. 1545-1798
	Control number <b>850</b>
	Amount paid <b>850</b>
	User fee screener <b>850</b>

1 Name of organization <b>The Government Integrity Fund, Inc.</b>	2 Employer Identification Number <b>45 : 2042274</b>
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**Caution.** Do not attach Form 8718 to an application for a pension plan determination letter. Use Form 8717 instead.

**3 Type of request** **Fee**

- a ☐ Initial request for a determination letter for:
- An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging not more than \$10,000 during the preceding 4 years or
  - A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging not more than \$10,000 during its first 4 years ▶ **\$400**
- Note.** If you checked box 3a, you must complete the *Certification* below.

**Certification**

I certify that the annual gross receipts of .....  
name of organization  
have averaged (or are expected to average) not more than \$10,000 during the preceding 4 (or the first 4) years of operation.

Signature ▶

Title ▶

- b ☒ Initial request for a determination letter for:
- An exempt organization that has had annual gross receipts averaging more than \$10,000 during the preceding 4 years or
  - A new organization that anticipates gross receipts averaging more than \$10,000 during its first 4 years . ▶ **\$850**
- c ☐ Group exemption letters ..... ▶ **\$3,000**

**Instructions**

The law requires payment of a user fee with each application for a determination letter. The user fees are listed on line 3 above. For more information, see Rev. Proc. 2009-8; 2009-1 I.R.B. 229, or latest annual update.

Check the box or boxes on line 3 for the type of application you are submitting. If you check box 3a, you must complete and sign the certification statement that appears under line 3a.

Attach to Form 8718 a check or money order payable to the "United States Treasury" for the full amount of the user fee. If you do not include the full amount, your application will be returned. Attach Form 8718 to your determination letter application.

Generally, the user fee will be refunded only if the Internal Revenue Service declines to issue a determination.

**Where To File**

Send the determination letter application and Form 8718 to:

Internal Revenue Service  
P.O. Box 12192  
Covington, KY 41012-0192

**Who Should File**

Organizations applying for federal income tax exemption, other than Form 1023 filers. Organizations submitting Form 1023 should refer to the instructions in that application package.

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.** We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. If you want your organization to be recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, you are required to give us this information. We need it to determine whether the organization meets the legal requirements for tax-exempt status.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating

to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. The rules governing the confidentiality of Form 8718 are covered in section 6104.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is 5 minutes. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Products Coordinating Committee, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:T:SP, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526, Washington, DC 20224. Do not send this form to this address. Instead, see *Where To File* above.





## Instructions

**Line 1.**—Answer "Yes," if any of the organization's property or activities will be managed by another organization or company.

**Lines 3b, c, and d.**—Enter the figures for the current year. On an attached schedule, furnish the same information for each of the prior tax years for which you completed Part III of the application.

**Line 4e.**—If the organization restricts its membership to members of a particular religion, the organization must be:

1. An auxiliary of a fraternal beneficiary society that:

- a. Is described in section 501(c)(8) and exempt from tax under section 501(a), and

- b. Limits its membership to members of a particular religion; or

2. A club that, in good faith, limits its membership to the members of a particular religion in order to further the teachings or principles of that religion and not to exclude individuals of a particular race or color.

If you checked **4e**, your explanation must show how the organization meets one of these two requirements.

**Exhibit A**

**THE GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY FUND, INC.**

**Thomas Norris  
137 East State Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
45-2042274**

**Attachment to IRS Form 1024**

**Part II. Item. Activities and Operational Information**

The mission of The Government Integrity Fund, Inc. (the "Integrity Fund") is to promote a stronger economic climate in Ohio. The organization plans to specifically inform Ohioans on issues affecting the current economic climate and what needs to be done to strengthen Ohio's economic activity base. The Integrity Fund intends to provide information to enhance the public understanding of these issues, prepare and disseminate materials, and provide educational opportunities to communicate these issues in a manner that is understandable and accessible to all Ohioans.

In particular, the Integrity Fund intends to:

- Devote 90% of its efforts to assembling and distributing information regarding economic issues relevant to improving the business climate in Ohio, and otherwise improving the climate for economic growth. The information prepared by the Integrity Fund may be distributed through media outlets, including brochures, mailings, broadcast media, print media and the Internet. All of these activities will be conducted without charge to the public. The Board of Directors of the Integrity Fund will coordinate these activities.
- Spend 10% of its efforts raising funds to support its mission and defray administrative costs. The Integrity Fund may employ professional solicitors to assist in its fundraising efforts. It is anticipated that the public fundraising effort will be coordinated by the Board and conducted on a continuous basis. In addition, the Integrity Fund will seek funds, on a grant basis from other tax exempt organizations that have a substantive focus on the same issues that the Integrity Fund will address in Ohio.





Prescribed by:

Ohio Secretary of State  
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Toll Free: 1-877-SOS-FILE (1-877-767-3453)

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Columbus, OH 43216

## INITIAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

(For Domestic Profit or Nonprofit)

Filing Fee \$125.00

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY STATES THE FOLLOWING:

(CHECK ONLY ONE (1) BOX)

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation Profit (113-ARF) ORC 1701	(2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation Nonprofit (114-ARN) ORC 1702	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation Professional (170-ARP) Profession _____ ORC 1785
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Complete the general information in this section for the box checked above.

FIRST: Name of Corporation The Integrity Fund, Inc.

SECOND: Location Columbus Franklin  
(City) (County)

Effective Date (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Date specified can be no more than 90 days after date of filing. If a date is specified, the date must be a date on or after the date of filing.  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

☒ Check here if additional provisions are attached

Complete the information in this section if box (2) or (3) is checked. Completing this section is optional if box (1) is checked.

THIRD: Purpose for which corporation is formed

See Exhibit A Attached Hereto

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Complete the information in this section if box (1) or (3) is checked.

FOURTH: The number of shares which the corporation is authorized to have outstanding (Please state if shares are common or preferred and their par value if any)

(No. of Shares) \_\_\_\_\_ (Type) \_\_\_\_\_ (Par Value) \_\_\_\_\_

(Refer to instructions if needed)

Completing the information in this section is optional

**FIFTH:** The following are the names and addresses of the individuals who are to serve as initial Directors.

(Name)

(Street)

NOTE: P.O. Box Addresses are NOT acceptable.

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Name)

(Street)

NOTE: P.O. Box Addresses are NOT acceptable.

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Name)

(Street)

NOTE: P.O. Box Addresses are NOT acceptable.

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

**REQUIRED**

Must be authenticated  
(signed) by an authorized  
representative

(See Instructions)

*William M. Todd*

Authorized Representative

William M. Todd, Secretary

(print name)

137 East State Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

05/10/11

Date

Authorized Representative

(print name)

Authorized Representative

(print name)

Date

Date

Complete the information in this section if box (1) (2) or (3) is checked.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY AGENT

The undersigned, being at least a majority of the incorporators of The Integrity Fund

hereby appoint the following to be statutory agent upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by statute to be served upon the corporation may be served. The complete address of the agent is

William M. Todd

(Name)

137 East State Street

(Street)

NOTE: P.O. Box Addresses are NOT acceptable.

Columbus

(City)

Ohio

43215

(Zip Code)

Must be authenticated by an authorized representative

William M. Todd, Secretary

Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative

5/11/10

Date

Date

Date

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

The Undersigned, William M. Todd, named herein as the

The Integrity Fund

Statutory agent for,

hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment of statutory agent for said entity.

Signature: William M. Todd

(Statutory Agent)

## **Exhibit A**

The purpose for which this Corporation is founded are, as follows:

- (i) To promote the social welfare of the citizens of Ohio;
- (ii) To promote, develop, define and encourage the distribution of information to the general public of Ohio regarding important issues of macroeconomics, tax policy, regulatory policy, and corporate responsibility, transparency and accountability, together with related issues affecting all citizens;
- (iii) To engage in other activities that facilitate public education on the foregoing issues, and promote the betterment of the community as a whole;
- (iv) To enter into any and all controls and arrangements necessary or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing purposes; and
- (v) To do all things necessary and or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing purposes.

**Code of Regulations  
of  
The Government Integrity  
Fund, Inc.**

**ARTICLE  
I  
NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The name of the corporation is The Government Integrity Fund, Inc., a/k/a the "Integrity Fund" (the "Organization"). The Organization is an Ohio non-profit corporation created pursuant to the provisions of 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code. The principal office of the Organization shall be the location set forth in the Organization's Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE  
II  
PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Organization shall be to promote education in the State of Ohio and, elsewhere in the United States as may be selected by the Organization's Directors, from time to time, in the fields of government, macroeconomics, tax policy and other related areas of public policy by publishing scholarly works, funding research and other educational programs, and publically advocating sound, growth-oriented policies in these fields.

The Organization is organized exclusively for the benefit of the public welfare, through its education and policy outreach functions. The Organization may make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under either Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or the corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law.

In pursuit of its purpose, the Organization may generally do and perform each and every act, deed and thing incidental to said purposes or necessary, useful, convenient, appropriate or proper for the attainment, furtherance, or exercise of any of the purposes, objects and powers enumerated in this Code of Regulations.

**ARTICLE  
III  
MEMBERS**

The Organization has no members as such, and the Directors of the Organization shall, for the purposes of any statute or rule of law now and hereafter in effect, be taken to be the members of the Organization and shall have all the rights and privileges of members.

**ARTICLE  
IV  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. Number.** The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than three (3) members and no more than five (5) members. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased by resolution adopted by a majority of the Board of Directors, but no such decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Director.

**Section 2. Qualifications.**

a) The members of the Board of Directors shall be individuals who:

1. Are eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
2. Support the purposes of the Organization as set forth in this Code of Regulations.

**Section 3. Election.** The election of the Directors shall take place at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors and if the annual meeting of the Board of Directors is not held or the Directors are not elected thereat, the Directors may be elected at a special meeting called and held for that purpose. New Directors shall be elected by the current Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Terms of Office.** Each Director shall be elected for a three (3) year term. The term of each Director shall commence upon the Director's election and shall continue until the Director's term expires or until a successor has been elected and qualified.

**Section 5. Resignation and Removal.** A Director shall indicate his or her intention to resign by submitting such resignation to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Organization acting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at any duly called meeting may remove a member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 6. Vacancies.** When a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, whether by death, resignation, removal, incapacity or otherwise, the remaining members of the Board of Directors may fill such vacancy by majority vote at a meeting called for such purpose, and the Director so elected shall serve for the remainder of the term of the Director being replaced.

**Section 7. Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors.** The business and affairs of the Organization shall be conducted by the Board of Directors, and all powers of the Organization, except as otherwise provided by this Code of Regulations or by law, shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

## **Section 8. Meetings.**

a) Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing Directors and transacting such other business as may be appropriate, shall be held during the month of January, or upon such other date as the Board of Directors may determine.

b) Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President of the Board of Directors may specify a meeting date other than as established by the Board of Directors on appropriate notice designating the alternative time for such meeting.

c) Place of Meetings. Meetings shall be held at such places the Board of Directors from time to time determines, unless otherwise specified in the notice thereof. Any regular meeting may be dispensed with by a majority of Directors present and voting, provided that a minimum of one (1) regular meeting, in addition to the annual meeting, shall be held in each fiscal year. Meetings may also be held through any authorized communications equipment, and participation by a Director in a meeting through the use of any of those means of communication constitutes presence in person of that Director at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum.

d) Authorized Communications Equipment. "Authorized Communications Equipment" means equipment that provides a transmission, including by telephone, telecopy, voiceover internet protocol or any other electronic means, from which it can be determined that the transmission was authorized by, and accurately reflects the intention of, the Director involved, and allows all persons participating in a meeting to contemporaneously communicate with each other.

e) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Board of Directors or upon the request of not fewer than two (2) of the Directors. All special meetings shall be held at such place specified in the written notice of the meeting, and only issues identified in such written notice may be acted upon at the special meeting.

f) Action by Written Consent. To the extent permitted by law, any lawful action of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if written consent to such action is signed by all the Directors and filed with the minutes of the Board of Directors.

g) Notice and Waiver. Notice of any special meeting or regular meeting shall be given at least two (2) days prior thereto. Notice may be given in writing, delivered personally or by mail addressed to the Director's address, or, if the Directors have available telecopy or electronic mail facilities, by telecopy or electronic mail transmitted to the telephone number or electronic mail address which appears on the records of the Organization. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail with postage prepaid. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting, either before, at, or after such a meeting by signing a waiver of notice. The attendance of a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting and waiver of any and all objections to the place of such meeting or the manner in which it has been called or convened, except when a Director states at the beginning of the meeting any objection to

the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

h) **Quorum.** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Board of Directors. At any meeting at which a quorum is present, the majority of those present may bind the Board of Directors.

i) **Voting.** At any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote

j) **Attendance.** Each member of the Board of Directors shall attend not fewer than fifty percent (50%) of the meetings of the Board of Directors during each year. A Director may be excused for failing to attend a meeting for good cause shown by a majority vote of the other Directors present at such meeting.

k) **Rule Making Authority.** The Board of Directors may, from time to time, establish rules, regulations, and policies in order to carry out the purposes of the Organization.

## **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Election of Officers.** The Board of Directors shall meet as soon as reasonably practical for purposes of electing the initial officers of the Organization. Thereafter, at each annual meeting of the Organization, the Board of Directors shall elect the officers of the Organization. Officers may be nominated by members of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

**Section 2. Removal of Officers.** The Board of Directors may remove any officer at any time, with or without cause, by a majority vote.

**Section 3. Term of Office.** All officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year. All officers shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.

**Section 4. Designation of Officers.** The officers of the Organization shall consist of a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

**Section 5. President of the Board.** The President of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. Subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, the President shall have the authority to execute contracts, notes, deeds, mortgages, security arrangements, bonds, other obligations, or other papers in the name of the Organization. In addition, the President shall perform such other and further duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

**Section 6. Secretary of the Board.** The Secretary of the Board shall serve as secretary of both the Board of Directors and the Organization and shall keep all minutes of meetings and records of Board transactions, and shall have custody of all papers, records, and reports. The Secretary shall keep a correct list of all members of the Board of Directors of the Organization,



arranged alphabetically showing their correct mailing addresses, and shall perform such other and further duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President. The Secretary of the Board may designate a corporate staff person to record and transcribe the Board of Directors' minutes and must then certify their accuracy.

#### **Section 7. Treasurer of the Board.**

a) The Treasurer, in accordance with the policies prescribed by the Board of Directors, shall: (1) have custody of the financial records of the Organization, (2) be responsible for the general supervision and management of all funds and securities of the Organization, (3) be responsible for the custody of such funds and securities, and (4) perform such other and further duties as the Board of Directors or the President may from time to time prescribe. The Treasurer shall make such financial reports as may be required by the Board of Directors or the President.

b) The Treasurer shall also have general supervision of and responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of a satisfactory accounting system which will properly record and reflect all financial transactions of the Organization.

**Section 8. Bonds.** The Board of Directors may require any or all officers to be placed under financial bond of such kinds and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Directors to be necessary or advisable to safeguard the financial welfare of the Organization.

### **ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. Appointment and Authority.** The Board of Directors, by this Code of Regulations or by resolution, may provide for committees of Directors and persons who are not Directors as it may deem desirable for the proper operation of the Organization and may assign to any such committee such powers and duties as it may determine; provided, however, such committees shall not be empowered to exercise the powers of the Board of Directors

### **ARTICLE VII INDEMNIFICATION**

**1. Right to Indemnification and Payment of Expenses.** The Organization shall indemnify and shall pay the expenses of any person described in, and entitled to indemnification or payment of expenses under, the provisions of Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code as such chapter may be altered or amended from time to time and to the full extent permitted thereby.

**Section 2. Purchase of Insurance.** The Organization may purchase and maintain insurance, or furnish similar protection, including, but not limited to, trust funds, letters of credit, or self-insurance, for or on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee, agent, or volunteer of the Organization, or is or was serving at the request of the Organization as a Director, officer, employee, agent or volunteer of another domestic or foreign, nonprofit corporation or corporation for profit, or a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any

liability asserted against her and incurred by her in any such capacity, or arising out of her status as such, whether or not the Organization would have the power to indemnify her against such liability under this Article VII. Insurance may be so purchased from or maintained with, a person in which the Organization has a financial interest, provided that the material facts of the interest are known or disclosed to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors in good faith authorizes the purchase by the affirmative vote of a majority of disinterested Directors.

**Section 3. Rights not Exclusive.** The indemnification provided in this Article VII shall not be deemed exclusive of other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the Articles of Incorporation of the Organization, this Code of Regulations, any agreement, any insurance purchased by the Organization, a vote of the Board of Directors of the Organization or otherwise, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee, agent or volunteer of the Organization and shall inure to the benefit of heirs, executors and administrators of such person; provided, however, there shall be no duplicative payments by the Organization on behalf of any person.

## **ARTICLE VIII DONATIONS AND SPECIAL FUNDS**

The Organization shall have authority to receive donations from any source in cash or other property acceptable to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors may accept donations subject to restrictions as to the uses and purposes for which the same may be applied or which limit the time, manner, amount or other terms of such application, provided that such uses and purposes and terms of applications specified are within the purposes of the Organization and do not violate the Articles of Incorporation, this Code of Regulations, or any applicable statute or rule of law. To facilitate the making and administration of restricted donations, the Board of Directors may establish special trusts or funds, donations to which shall be held for specified uses and purposes or other terms of application, provided that such specific uses and purposes and terms of application are within the purposes of the Organization and do not violate the Articles of Incorporation, this Code of Regulations, or any applicable statute or rule of law. The authority granted to the Board of Directors in this Article VIII shall be deemed to be in addition to, and not in limitation of, the authority and powers otherwise granted to each of them.

## **ARTICLE IX CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Article IX (the "Conflict of Interest Policy") is to protect the Organization's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or Director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflicts of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organization

## **Section 2. Definitions.**

a) Covered Persons. This Conflict of Interest Policy applies to the Organization's Directors and Organization managers ("Covered Persons"). Each Covered Person shall be required to acknowledge, not less than annually, that he or she has read and is in compliance with this policy.

b) Covered Transactions. This Conflict of Interest Policy applies to transactions ("Covered Transactions") between the Organization and a Covered Person, or between the Organization and another party with which a Covered Person has a significant relationship. A Covered Person is considered to have a significant relationship with another party if:

i. the other party is a family member, including a spouse, parent, sibling, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, great-grandchild, in-law, or domestic partner;

ii. the other party is an entity in which the Covered Person has a material financial interest. Such other party shall include any entity in which the Covered Person and all individuals or entities having significant relationships with the Covered Person own, in the aggregate, more than 10 percent; or

iii. the Covered Person is an officer, director, Director, partner, or employee of the other party.

A Covered Transaction also includes any other transaction in which there may be an actual or perceived conflict of interest, including any transaction in which the interests of a Covered Person may be seen as competing or at odds with the interests of the Organization.

## **Section 3. Procedures.**

a) Disclosure, Refrain from Influence, and Recusal. When a Covered Person becomes aware of a proposed Covered Transaction, he or she has a duty to take the following actions:

i. Immediately disclose the existence and circumstances of such Covered Transaction to the Organization's Board of Directors in writing;

ii. Refrain from using his or her personal influence to encourage the Organization to enter into the Covered Transaction; and

iii. Physically excuse himself or herself from any discussions regarding the Covered Transaction except to answer questions, including Board of Directors discussions and decisions on the subject.

b) Questionnaire. In order to assist the Organization in identifying potential Covered Transactions, annually, each Covered Person shall complete a conflict-of-interest questionnaire provided by the Organization, and shall update such questionnaire as necessary to reflect changes during the course of the year. Completed questionnaires shall be available for inspection by any Director, and may be reviewed by the Organization's legal counsel

c) Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists. After disclosure of the

potential conflict and all material facts, and after any discussion with the individual, the Covered Person shall leave the Board of Directors or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

d) Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest.

i. A Covered Person may make a presentation at the Board of Directors or committee meeting, but after the presentation, the Covered Person shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

ii. The President of the Board of Directors or the chairperson of the committee (if applicable) shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

iii. After exercising due diligence, the Board of Directors or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

iv. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the Board of Directors or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested Directors or committee members whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination, it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

e) Standard for Approval of Covered Transactions. The Organization may enter into a Covered Transaction where the Board of Directors determines, acting without the participation or influence of the Covered Person and based on comparable market data, that such transaction is fair and reasonable to the Organization. The Board of Directors shall document the basis for this determination in the minutes of the meeting at which the Covered Transaction is considered, and shall consult with the Organization's legal advisor as necessary to ensure that the Transaction does not constitute an act of self-dealing.

f) Violations of the Conflict of Interest Policy.

i. If the Board of Directors or committee has reasonable cause to believe a Covered Person has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform such Covered Person of the basis for such belief and afford the Covered Person an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose

ii. If, after hearing the Covered Person's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Board of Directors or committee determines the Covered Person has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

**Section 4. Records of Proceedings.** The minutes of the Board of Directors and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a) The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a Financial Interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the Financial Interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the Board of Directors' or a committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b) The names of the persons who were present for discussion and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

**Section 5. Compensation**

- a) A voting member of the Board of Directors who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b) A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c) No voting member of the Board of Directors or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

**Section 6. Statements.** Each Director, officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a) Has received a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy;
- b) Has read and understands the Conflict of Interest Policy;
- c) Has agreed to comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- d) Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

**Section 7. Periodic Reviews.** To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic review shall at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a) Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.

b) Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

**Section 8. Use of Outside Experts.** When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Section 7 of this Article IX, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the Board of Directors of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

## **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

The Articles of Incorporation and this Code of Regulations may be altered or amended, or new regulations may be adopted, by the affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the members of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, provided notice of the proposed change is specified in the notice for the meeting. Such changes may be made without a meeting upon written consent of three-fifths (3/5) of the members of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XI MERGER, SALE OR DISSOLUTION**

Except upon the affirmative vote of not less than three-fifths (3/5) of the members of the Board of Directors of the Organization voting in-person at an annual meeting or a special meeting of the Organization called to consider such action at which a quorum is present, the Organization shall not: (a) merge with or consolidate into another corporation or entity or permit another corporation or entity to merge with or consolidate into it; (b) sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of substantially all of its assets; or (c) dissolve. In the event of any dissolution of the Organization, or adoption of any plan of merger or consolidation, all of the remaining property and assets shall be applied, so far as feasible, toward carrying out the purposes of the Organization, as stated in its Articles of Incorporation, and none shall be distributed to its Directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers or any other private person. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be distributed to an organization or organizations, that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, and are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

Robert's Rules of Order shall be considered authority and shall govern on all matters involving parliamentary procedure except in cases where the same conflict with this Code of Regulations or any provisions of law, in which cases this Code of Regulations and the applicable law shall prevail.

The foregoing Code of Regulations of The Government Integrity Fund, Inc., was adopted by the Board of Directors as of the 1st day of July, 2011.

Name: /s/ Thomas D. Norris

Title: Director





**Internal Revenue Service**  
**P.O. Box 2508**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio 45201**

**Department of the Treasury**

**Date: January 24, 2012**

**THE GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY FUND INC**  
**137 EAST STATE ST**  
**COLUMBUS OH 43215-4331**

**Person to Contact - ID#:**

**Jacob McDonald - 0203230**

**Contact Telephone Number:**

**877-829-5500**

**Employer Identification Number:**

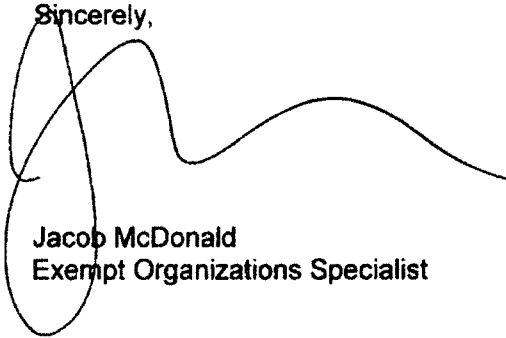
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**Dear Applicant:**

Enclosed is a copy of your Articles of Incorporation obtained from the website of the state in which you are incorporated. We have made it part of your file. Because we have provided a copy of this information to you, it is available for public inspection as part of your exemption application.

If the enclosed information relates to another organization, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a wavy line.

**Jacob McDonald**  
**Exempt Organizations Specialist**

**Enclosure**

**Letter 4760 (7-2011)**  
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# STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATE

Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted

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It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for  
**THE GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY FUND, INC.**

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(For Domestic Profit or Nonprofit)

Filing Fee \$125.00

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY STATES THE FOLLOWING:

(CHECK ONLY ONE (1) BOX)

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Complete the general information in this section for the box checked above.

FIRST: Name of Corporation <u>The Government Integrity Fund, Inc.</u>
SECOND: Location <u>Columbus</u> <u>Franklin</u> (City) (County)
Effective Date (Optional) _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) Date specified can be no more than 90 days after date of filing. If a date is specified, the date must be a date on or after the date of filing.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional provisions are attached

Complete the information in this section if box (2) or (3) is checked. Completing this section is optional if box (1) is checked.

THIRD: Purpose for which corporation is formed <u>See Exhibit A Attached Hereto</u>
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Complete the information in this section if box (1) or (3) is checked.

FOURTH: The number of shares which the corporation is authorized to have outstanding (Please state if shares are common or preferred and their par value if any) (Refer to instructions if needed)	(No. of Shares)	(Type)	(Per Value)
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Completing the information in this section is optional


FIFTH: The following are the names and addresses of the individuals who are to serve as Initial Directors.

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) \_\_\_\_\_ NOTE: P.O. Box Addresses are NOT acceptable.  
(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) \_\_\_\_\_ NOTE: P.O. Box Addresses are NOT acceptable.  
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**REQUIRED**

Must be authenticated  
(signed) by an authorized  
representative

(See instructions)



Authorized Representative

William M. Todd, Secretary

(print name)

137 East State Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

05/18/11

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Authorized Representative

(print name)

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Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Authorized Representative

(print name)

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**Exhibit A**

The purpose for which this Corporation is founded are, as follows:

- (i) To promote the social welfare of the citizens of Ohio;
- (ii) To promote, develop, define and encourage the distribution of information to the general public of Ohio regarding important issues of macroeconomics, tax policy, regulatory policy, and corporate responsibility, transparency and accountability, together with related issues affecting all citizens;
- (iii) To engage in other activities that facilitate public education on the foregoing issues, and promote the betterment of the community as a whole;
- (iv) To enter into any and all controls and arrangements necessary or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing purposes; and
- (v) To do all things necessary and or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing purposes.